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For: MICROSCOPE ILLUMINATION DEVICE )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,852,985 and DE 42 28 366, references which are listed on Form PTO-1449, are discussed in the specification.

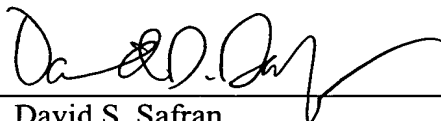
DE 196 16 216 discloses the process as described in lines 1-9 of paragraph [0021] in the specification.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing, or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialled copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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